

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

May 8th, 2016

“THOU shalt keep them,
O LORD, THOU shalt
preserve them from this
generation for ever.”

PSALM 12:7

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Gayle Luman — May 12th

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“Beloved, our gospel is not about believing in something, it is about believing and trusting someone;

The LORD JESUS CHRIST”

2 TIMOTHY 1:12

TAKE CARE

TAKE CARE, BRETHREN, THAT THERE NOT BE IN ANY ONE OF YOU AN EVIL, UNBELIEVING HEART THAT FALLS AWAY FROM THE LIVING GOD — HEBREWS 3:12

According to the **WORD OF GOD** it is only an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living GOD. Yes, some erroneously read other passages in the book of Hebrews and wrongly conclude that a regenerate heart, a new heart given by GOD, could fall away; but our blessed LORD JESUS does not teach that, and it is to HIM I wish to draw your attention. Beloved, our salvation is found in CHRIST and anchored upon hearing and believing HIM.

...GROUND THAT DRINKS THE RAIN...BRINGS FORTH VEGETATION USEFUL TO THOSE FOR WHOSE SAKE IT IS ALSO TILLED, RECEIVES A BLESSING FROM GOD — BUT IF IT YIELDS THORNS AND THISTLES, IT IS WORTHLESS AND CLOSE TO BEING CURSED, AND IT ENDS UP BEING BURNED — BELOVED, WE ARE PERSUADED BETTER THINGS OF YOU, AND THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION... — HEBREWS 6:7,8,9

Thorns and thistles are things that do not accompany salvation. When someone believes on the LORD JESUS CHRIST they *have* salvation,

they *hath everlasting life*. The true convert is one who will persevere to the end, by HIS enabling Spirit. From A to Z, from beginning to end, salvation is of the LORD. Someone who has been given a new and opened heart *cannot* and *will not* lose their salvation, for our LORD is the author and finisher of it. (JONAH 2:9, ACTS 16:14, JOHN 3:36, JOHN 10:27)

Beloved, our LORD JESUS only spoke of two groups of people in the world, those who are '*HIS sheep*' and those who are '*not MY sheep*'. The LORD, in all of his parables, taught of only two groups of people; those who claim to have GOD as *their father* and those who *actually do*. (JOHN 8:41-44)

When our LORD speaks of those who believe for a time, HE is not equating that with the saving faith HE gives to His elect, as the demons also believe and are not saved (LUKE 8:13). HIS sheep hear his voice and follow HIM; indeed to the very end, for they are kept by HIS power. (1 PETER 1:5)

The *scriptures* plainly teach of only two groups of people in the world, '*MY sheep*' and '*not MY sheep*'. Those who have *ears to hear* and those who *do not*. Those who are *born again* and those who have merely had a *false conversion experience* in the free will religion of man. Those who can not and will not believe CHRIST, and those that have been made willing in the day of HIS power to will and to do of HIS good pleasure. (PSALM 110:3)

There are only two categories of people in the church. Those who believe for a time and because of an *evil, unbelieving heart* fall away from the living GOD, and those who are actually born from above, GOD's beloved people. When GOD gives you a new heart, I pray it is so with the reader, HE gives you a new heart that will believe to the end, because it is a recipient of divine power that makes us the sons of GOD. A new birth that is not by the '*power*' of the flesh, but blessed be the LORD, a birth that we *must* have by the power of HIS spirit. (JOHN 1:12-13, JOHN 3:6-7)

It is only the *evil, unbelieving heart* that falls away from the living GOD. Contrary to what some teach, those born from above cannot lose their salvation. Anyone who teaches such blasphemy has never heard the voice of our dear LORD.

...I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND — JOHN 10:27

GOD's people rejoice in this "*...all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen.*" Beloved, what a comforting promise, that His own *shall never perish*! (2 CORINTHIANS 1:20)

Reader, I pray you do indeed receive and believe the words of the LORD you profess. If you are HIS sheep, you will keep HIS word. (JOHN 17:6)

PASTOR

THE SAVIOR OF ALL MEN

FOR THEREFORE WE BOTH LABOR AND SUFFER REPROACH, BECAUSE WE TRUST IN THE LIVING GOD, WHO IS THE SAVIOUR OF ALL MEN, SPECIALLY OF THOSE THAT BELIEVE — 1 TIMOTHY 4:10

The LORD JESUS CHRIST shed HIS precious blood for only two types of people in this world; *lost sheep* and *found sheep*! and in HIS time, HE will have *all* of HIS sheep to be saved. From eternity GOD has purposed to save *all* of HIS elect people. Right now at this moment in time, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is specially the SAVIOUR of HIS found sheep. *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest*, the LORD uses HIS body to seek out the lost sheep for whom HE died. Rejoice as the FATHER reveals HIS darling SON to each and every one of HIS elect through the preaching of HIS Gospel. Glory be to CHRIST! Amen. (1 CORINTHIANS 1:21, 2 TIMOTHY 1:9, MATTHEW 9:38) **PASTOR**

“Beloved, your sabbath rest is not found in Saturday or Sunday; your rest from works is not found in a day, it is found in CHRIST”

HEBREWS 4:8-11

LOOK

...THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING, SHALL KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. (PHILIPPIANS 4:7)

Child of GOD, take an honest survey of things. If you do not enjoy this peace, the blame must be laid at your door alone. We make ourselves restless by unbelief.

Look upward There is no sword of justice against you, no cup of wrath for you to bear, no angry GOD against you.

Look downward There is no condemnation, no death, no judgment, no second death, no hell for you to endure.

Look backward All your past sins are blotted out, forgiven, taken away, and remembered no more.

Look outward GOD has made all the beasts of the field, all the stones of the earth, all the trees of the forest and even your enemies to be at peace with you.

Look inward GOD has set up a guard in your heart to keep your heart. HIS name is PEACE, the PEACE of GOD that “*passeth understanding*” is GOD’s gift to faith.

Look forward Heavenly glory awaits you. All that the Man CHRIST JESUS is and has done soon shall be yours!

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